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Al Gore, 45th Vice President of the United States.

Al Gore will speak at Great Names in April

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The 2006-07 Sacerdote Great Names Series speaker will be Al Gore, the 45th vice president of the United States. Gore will speak at Hamilton on Thursday, April 26. His lecture, "An Inconvenient Truth," will be accompanied by a multi-media presentation on which his best-selling book and film by the same name are based.

An Inconvenient Truth, a #1 best seller on the *New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Denver Post* and *Washington Post* lists, describes Gore's argument that global warming has surpassed the level of a political issue and has become the biggest moral challenge facing our global civilization. The film, a Sundance film festival hit directed by Davis Guggenheim, offers a passionate and inspirational look at Gore's fervent crusade to halt global warming's deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it.

The Sacerdote Great Names Series at Hamilton is named in recognition of a significant gift from the family of Alex Sacerdote, a 1994 Hamilton graduate. Previous Great Names speakers at Hamilton include Tom Brokaw, Bill Clinton, Bill Cosby, Rudy Giuliani, Madeleine Albright, Jimmy Carter, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Lady Margaret Thatcher, Colin Powell, Mary Matalin and James Carville, Elie Wiesel and F.W. deKlerk. In 1998, jazz and blues singer/musician B.B. King was the first artist to appear as part of the series.

Al Gore was born in 1948 to the former U.S. Senator Albert Gore Sr. and Pauline Gore. Gore was raised in Carthage, Tenn., and Washington, D.C. In 1969, he received a degree in government with honors from Harvard University. After graduation, Gore enlisted in the U.S. Army and shortly after, was sent to serve in Vietnam. After returning from Vietnam, Gore became an investigative reporter with the *Tennessean* in Nashville. While working as a journalist, he also attended Vanderbilt University's Divinity and Law Schools. In 1970, Gore married the former Mary Elizabeth "Tipper" Aitcheson, with whom he has four children: Karenna, Kristin, Sarah and Albert III.

Gore was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1976 where he served eight years representing the then 4th district of Tennessee. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1984 and was re-elected in 1990. Gore was

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Recent $500,000 donation for ACCESS project

by Emily Poe '10
COPY EDITOR

As part of its new contract with the New York State Department of Labor, the Hamilton based ACCESS project, a grant funded program, received a sum of 500,000 dollars.

ACCESS, which first began in 2000, is a program designed to assist selected students with education and employment, among other things. ACCESS Director Vivyan Adair, ACCESS Coordinator Sharon Gormley, and Professor of Economics Erol Balkan, started the project as a way to give adult students who would not normally have the opportunity, the chance to receive a college-level education.

To qualify for ACCESS, students must be parents, come from low-income backgrounds, and must have either a high school diploma or a GED. Currently, the program has a pool of 40

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Senator Ray Meier with current and former ACCESS students.

Sports Recruiting 101: In the hands of Admissions

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Reported by Pat Hodgens '09
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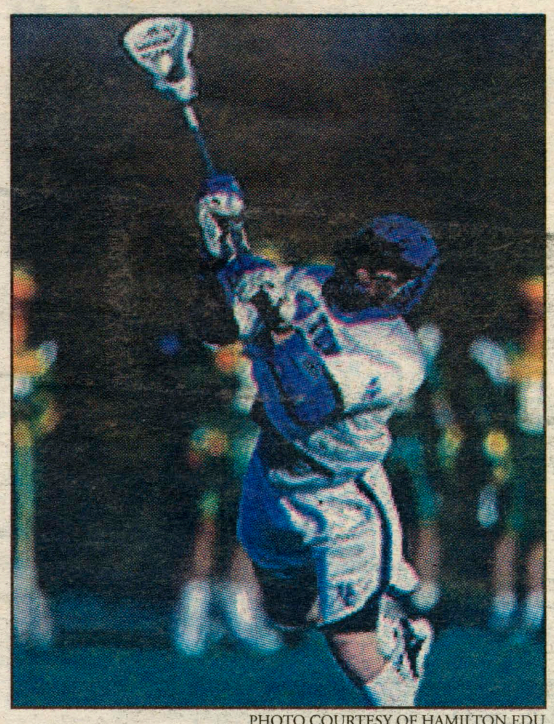
This is the second in a three part series about the athletic recruitment process at Hamilton.

Much has been written about athletes and the admission process. *Reclaiming the Game*, a book by William Bowen and the former president of Princeton Sarah Levin, claims that an athlete who has been recruited has a 37 percent better chance of being accepted to a NESCAC school over the rest of the applicant pool (page 74). The book also says that athletes will have a lower SAT score than the rest of the applicants. For the NESCAC Colleges, it is a 120 point difference (pages 89-93).

Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Moncia Inzer said, "After the book *The Game of Life* came out about how much athletics influence college admissions, NESCAC raised the bar and really wanted to make sure that the students admitted to the NESCAC schools were students first and athletes second."

Could a good athlete get in with a slightly lower SAT score than the average? "You bet," says Inzer, for there is no GPA or SAT cut-off for anyone applying. "We are going to look at what types of contributions they are going to make. This is a great place for a student-athlete who wants a great education and a great athletic program, but we might take someone who is a stretch but is entrepreneurial. If you could sit in the room as we agonize over who we could admit…we agonize over it. There are people sometimes we take a chance on. You never really



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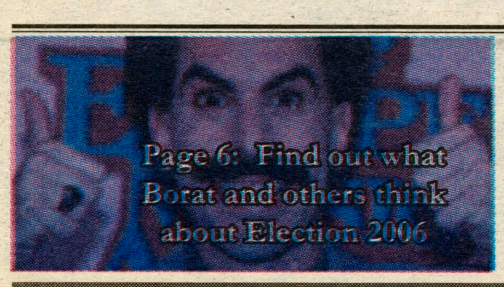

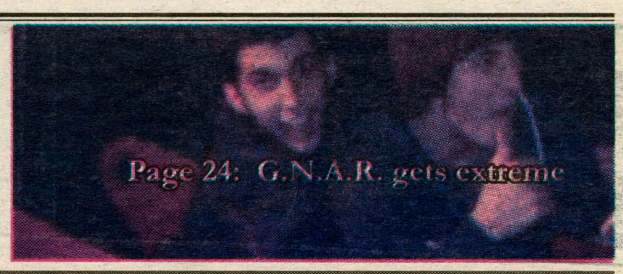

Gore will present "An Inconvenient Truth"

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inaugurated as vice president of the United States on January 20, 1993.

As vice president, Gore was a central member of President Clinton's economic team and worked to design the program that led to the strong U.S. economy. He helped pass the first balanced budget in 30 years by casting a tie-breaking Senate vote in 1993. Along with President Clinton, Gore helped to lead the country into the longest peacetime economic expansion in U.S. history, with more than 18 million new jobs, wages rising twice the rate of inflation, the lowest African-American and Hispanic poverty on record, and the lowest unemployment in 29 years.

Gore also led the Clinton Administration's efforts to protect the environment. In 1992 he published the best-selling book *Earth in the Balance: Ecology and the Human Spirit*, which outlined his efforts to protect the ozone layer and to clean up toxic-waste dumps. Gore worked with the Big Three automakers to support the development of a new generation of fuel and energy-efficient vehicles. He worked to combat global warming in a way that also created new jobs, by helping America lead the estimated $400 billion worldwide market for new technologies that clean up the environment. Gore was recently appointed chairman of Generation Investment Management, a London-based fund management firm that creates environment-friendly portfolios.

Currently, Gore is a visiting professor at both Middle State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and at Fisk University in Nashville. At both schools, Gore teaches a course about family-centered community building.

In addition to his educational profession, Gore presently serves on the board of directors of Apple Computers, Inc. and is chairman of Current TV, a cable television network designed for 18 to 24-year-olds. He also is a senior advisor for Google, Inc.

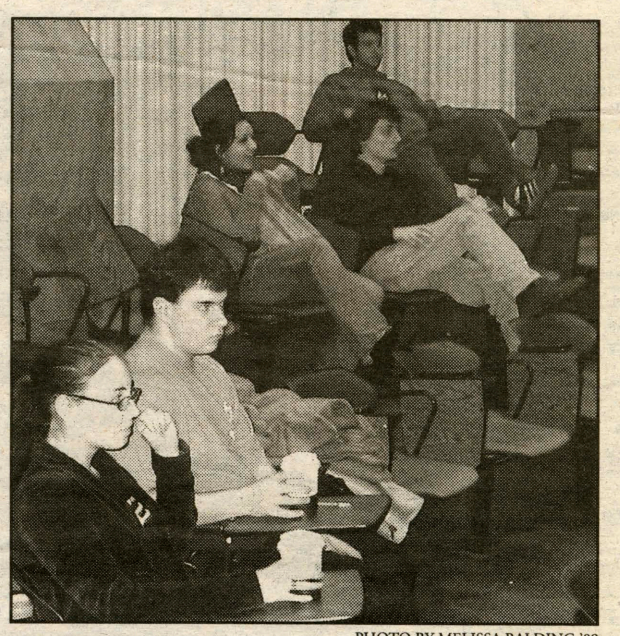
Further information concerning Vice President Gore's visit and group reservations will be available in late January. For updated information, visit the Hamilton College Web site, www.hamilton.edu.

Posters, tie-dye tees, and bi-partisan discussion fuel Peace Week

by Alicia Wright '10
NEWS WRITER

Television, in the past months, has been littered with mud-slinging commercials by candidates for congressional positions. In the midst of a week revolved around choosing sides at the polls, Peace Week seems to fall at a perfect time. Students Against Violence (SAV) is an organization dedicated to offering bipartisan discussion in fun and creative settings. By holding Peace Week, SAV opens its initiatives to the whole campus and, according to Jess Mariglio '07, a member of the organization, is a fun way to bring people together to support a good cause.

During the week, various films will be screened around campus for Peace Week. Speakers are scheduled to present on topics of war, domestic abuse, and other humanitarian violations. A panel discussion with the military men of Hamilton will also give a different view of often limited, two-sided opinions of the U.S. military initiatives, Mariglio explains. This discussion will allow students to ask questions of the military men and sort out information about their work. SAV and Amnesty International are also teaming together this week to co-sponsor a discussion on the death penalty. A highly anticipated event of Peace Week, the third annual Drop Beats Not Bombs will be held Friday night in the Annex. Open to the public, Hamilton students are admitted free and those non-Hamilton students get in for $5. All proceeds earned during Drop Beats Not Bombs go towards helping the condition in Darfur. Culminating the week is Give Trance a Chance, an event organized by both SAV and AD in Bundy Dining Hall Saturday night.



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Students attend a viewing of "Woodstock," an activity planned as part of Peace Week.

Many other organizations have been involved in planning Peace Week with SAV, including the Womyn's Center, WHCL, Independent Music Fund, and Student Activities. Mariglio says that students on campus can still help with Peace Week simply by attending events. She urges students to ask questions no matter what views they hold, and that all ideas are valid and welcome. As is the aim of SAV, Peace Week is a chance for students to delve deeper into issues with a more open state of mind.

Admissions, athletics work together in athletic recruiting process

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know who catches fire once they get onto campus."

"The coaches are a large part of our admission work," Inzer said. "They are 11 to 12 percent of the applicant pool and a greater percent of the students enrolled, 35 to 40 percent play a varsity sport. Athletes are applying early decision at a higher rate than other group of students."

Steve Allen, CEO and Founder of Coachmeman Consulting, a consulting service for students wanting to pursue athletics in college, has never had a student apply to Hamilton. He has, however, successfully had students admitted to NESCAC schools echoes Inzer's comments: "I know kids who had all the soccer ability in the world, but I could not get the kid through because Admissions wants better academics." He did say that "the coach gets to flag an application," but the amount of clout that has is decided behind closed doors. "The smaller schools might say we want to keep up the standards of the school. If all the student's grades and criteria are in range, they have a very good chance at being accepted." His experience has showed that "coaches and Admissions don't do any funny business. They are a lot more stringent at Division III than Division I. I have never seen admissions bend over and say 'whatever you want coach.'"

"We raised the bar and minimized the amount of athletes for any sport," Inzer said. "We have way more than enough of qualified athletes" and thus choosing someone to admit could come down to being a "first generation student, a great cellist or a great soccer player."

Senior Associate Dean of Admission/Director of International Recruitment Mary Karen Vellines, who is the liaison between coaches and Admissions said, "I think sometimes people assume that if you are an athlete that you are perhaps academically less qualified than our other admits. That is not necessarily true. That is a common misperception, not just on this campus."

Perry Nizzi, head men's soccer coach and associate professor of physical education, says "The NESCAC has tried to do to make the playing field a little more level. All the schools will let kids in to fill quotas and make a more diverse campus. You want people to sing or else you would not have the Buffers. When it comes to sports, admissions do have certain quotas that they have put on NESCAC schools. They have come up with this magical number that they will help as far as their athletic abilities to make things a little fairer."

Basketball Coach Tobin Anderson says that if a student "is not close, he has got no shot. I would never bring a kid here who could not succeed." While Nizzi suggests admissions might give players a slight advantage, it is not enough. "When we talk about what is going on and everything, it is probably just as good as if they did not have it. It is like flying to California, and you need 600 bucks. It is like they are giving you 50. That is how menial it is when you are accepting such few kids. The funny thing is that you never know why they are picking this person or not because most are outstanding students anyway. I look at it more as the kids that get in are the kids who probably or might have gotten in on their own. Or, they might not because there is so many in that group. We put another flag in their folder, by saying I would really like this kid. He might not have gotten in if I did not fight for him."

It is also important to note that a "pre-read," from the Admissions' view, doesn't "guarantee admission and that all decisions are made after an application is submitted and by the admission committee," said Inzer in an e-mail after the first article in this series was printed. "'Pre-reads' are designed to help coaches be better and more ethical recruiters...that is, to not encourage students that might not be appropriate or reasonable candidates for Hamilton to visit campus and/or apply."

Once a sports recruit is accepted, it is possible that a coach hints this to the player. Two students *The Spectator* spoke with said that the coach greatly hinted that they got in before they received an actual acceptance letter. Allen says that coaches will sometimes do that "occasionally, if a kid did not go early decision. They can say, 'I checked with admissions and it is looking pretty good.'" However, if a coach did tell the prospective students the Admissions' decision before the appropriate time "they would get into a lot of trouble," Nizzi says. Vellines also believes that sometimes coaches will "tell students, 'It looks good,' just because they want kids," and then the students will misconstrue that to mean they got in.

NESCAC guidelines further say, "Any communication regarding the status of admissions decisions conveyed by non-admissions personnel should be considered preliminary, unofficial, and subject to change." Because Hamilton is Division III, no money is granted for any sports scholarships.

Coming Next Week: "Football, Violins and GPAs" How recruits do during their years at Hamilton and how other organizations recruit.

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Teach-In features talks on war, terrorism and politics

by Pat Hodgens '09
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Hamilton hosted a teach-in on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan this past Sunday. The event, titled "Resisting War in a Post 9/11 Era: Activism and Mobilization," was composed of discussions from Hamilton professors and others about current issues relating to war, terrorism and politics.

"We organized the teach-in to initiate a dialogue on the Hamilton Campus about the war in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Anne Lacsamana.

Lacsamana, assistant professor of women's studies, organized the event with Scholar-In-Residence and Interim Access Project Director Joyce Barry.

"We chose a 'teach-in' because it is a quick, effective manner to convey information about a particular topic," Lacsamana shared. "Our teach-in was not unique-similar events have been happening around the country with regards to the war in Iraq. For example, the National Youth and Student Peace Coalition has been organizing a 'Books Not Bombs' campaign over the past month to mobilize and educate people about the importance of funding for education."

A teach-in, as defined by the event's publicity, is "an informal crash course in a current or complicated political issue, making up for gaps or bias in the media coverage or one's education." Although the teach-in, which took place in the Events Barn, was sparsely attended throughout the day, Lacsamana called it a success.

"As a colleague recently told us, everything you do is important-the very fact that a teach-in was held on the Hamilton Campus is an important first step to furthering dialogue concerning issues of peace and social justice."

Professor of Classics Barbara Gold agreed, "I do think it was effective. There was a steady flow of people all day long…they were very attentive," she said. "One thing I've learned is that no [political] act is ever wasted, even if it only reaches one person."

Gold spoke at the event, giving a talk entitled "War is Not the Answer: What's True and What Isn't."

"I believe in educating students both in and outside the classroom," she said. "[A teach-in] is the combination of the intellectual and the engaged."

Other speakers included Professors Isserman, Cafruny, Orlin, Werner, Adair and Garrett and College Chaplain Jeff McArn.

McArn, who spoke on the topics of freedom and humility, addressed the reasons he participated.

"It's on my mind," he said. "It's valuable to think about what's going on and what your response to it is."

One recurrent observation and topic of conversation was the lack of a large student presence at the event and in the general anti-war movement. Many students and speakers made negative comparisons to Vietnam-era protests.

"If you don't know anyone who's serving, or dying, it's hard to have a personal connection," McArn offered as an explanation for the disparity.

Many participants shared a similar sentiment, attributing the difference between the responses to the Vietnam War and the war in Iraq to, among other things, the lack of a draft.

"There isn't an immediate feel to [the war]," added McArn.

"I guess I was expecting something larger…It's a pity more students aren't attuned to this issue, which is really important to our future in terms of the national debt and our reputation in the world," said Kye Lippold '10, who attended about half of the event.

"[But] I think it's inspired some like-minded people to get more active," said Lippold '10. "I've already talked with some people about making the issues more visible."

Meier helped secure $500,000 for ACCESS

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spread out in a number of different schools within the Upstate New York Area. 3 of the 40 students are attending Hamilton.

"This program is unique because it adds different perspectives and elements to the classroom," said Gormley, who graduated from Hamilton in a similar program herself. Gormely also noted, "these (ACCESS) students know how to get work done because they are focused, determined and are hard workers." Both faculty and students welcome ACCESS students to the classroom, especially at Hamilton.

"Faculty especially like [ACCESS students] because they tend to be [quite] mature," said Gormley. This is indeed true, as ACCESS students must not only attend classes and focus on careers, but also care for their children.

On October 26, New York State Senator Ray Meier (R) visited the Hamilton-based ACCESS project in light of the recent $500,000 donation, which he helped bring to the program. "He has been our benefactor, if you would," said Gormley, discussing Meier and his significant impact on ACCESS.

While the recent donation will no doubt have a major impact on the program, Gormley noted that the program receives around the same amount of money ever year, except that this year it was part of a new contract as well.

To date, ACCESS has had nine of its students graduate from Hamilton, many of whom have gone on to graduate programs all over the United States.

Kenya Cyrus, an ACCESS staff assistant, is also a Hamilton ACCESS student herself. When asked about how the program has impacted her life Cyrus said,

" [It] changed my life in so many ways, it [has been] an amazing opportunity." Cyrus is especially pleased by the way the program has affected her nine-year old son's view of college.

"He is already excited about [college] after seeing [me] go through the ACCCESS program," said Cyrus, " when I get college brochures in the mail he asks me if they are for him."

Overall, ACCESS tries to let their student determine how much or how little they want to participate in jobs and academics, in order to make it a program with an emphasis on the individual's needs. Recently, the program has refocused on the needs of its current students as opposed to the recruitment of new students.

"[ACCESS] has been a completely different program each year depending on the need of our students," said Gormley.

And, as New York State makes it more and more difficult for students to participate in programs like these, ACCESS' tailor-made program and continuous commitment will certainly be the key to the success of its students for years to come.

Seniors:

Much of our class has contributed to the Senior gift, but we still have yet to reach our 25% goal. There is still time!

TODAY is the 25% deadline for the Class of 2007 Senior gift.

If 25% of our class contributes by today, the Board of Trustees will contribute an additional $1,000 toward our Senior Gift.

If you contribute early you will receive a discount on your Senior Week pass as well as a lovely Class of 2007 pint glass.

You can contribute one of two ways:

1. Online using a credit card at: http://www.hamilton.edu/makeagift

2. By contacting Rob Rosenzweig (rrosenzw) Eileen Starrett (estarret) or any Senior Gift committee member.

We encourage you to contribute $20.07 to commemorate our class year but any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Student Assembly President and Vice President Elections will be Tuesday, December 5th.

Want to run?

President and Vice President candidates will run as a ticket.

1. Submit one platform not greater than 200 words and one signature sheet with 75 signatures by Monday, November 20th at noon.

2. All candidates must attend a briefing meeting Monday, November 27th at 10pm.

NOTE: "Anyone who wishes to formally run for office of Student Assembly President must attend and have their attendance recorded at eight (8) full meetings of the Central Council. This requirement must be completed prior to his or her submission of a signature petition and platform in order to be formally allowed to run for Student Assembly President. However, the Vice Presidential candidate does not need to fulfill this requirement. "
- SA Constitution

Insights & Ideas

Academic fatigue overcomes seniors looking at grad school, jobs

by Matt Bradley '07
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

Congratulations to those lucky few seniors who have already accepted job offers for their post-collegiate careers. But, an extra amount of love goes to all those seniors, including myself, who have yet to find their calling.

A Hamilton education affords countless opportunities; but perhaps, all these opportunities make it even more difficult to figure out what the hell to do after graduation.

A Senior Column: fleeting perspective

There seem to be a few major themes among those students looking to not live with mom and dad after school. First, but in no particular order, is the job search. Many students are eager to leave the classroom and enter the *Office Space* style environment where TPS reports and middle management offer a delightful change from being endlessly spoken at for hour and 15 minute intervals.

Any student who has undergone a corporate internship will likely be drawn to the deadline-based, team-driven style of an office setting. I've had a couple tastes of corporate internships, and this independence is sweet, sweet nectar.

Another popular choice for seniors is, of course, post-graduate education. Many of my friends have taken the GRE, LSAT and MCAT exams with the hope of attending some of the finest institutions around (because Hamilton doesn't offer post-graduate courses). Many say that attending grad/law/med school directly after graduation takes advantage of your mind while it is still in academic mode.

An added advantage to this course of action is the opportunity to begin ones career with a higher degree, and of course, pay-grade.

My father, being an academic, is pushing for me to go to grad school directly after graduation. What he and many other eager parents fail to take into account is, however, that a virus, better known as academium fatigium infects parts of the collegiate brain crucial to logic, memory, judgment, vision and balance.

After 16 straight years of schooling, it is a big assumption to think another two years (or four if you're crazy enough to become a doctor) will seamlessly integrate themselves with the former academic marathon of years.

Academic fatigue exists; it is just a matter of recognizing its effects.

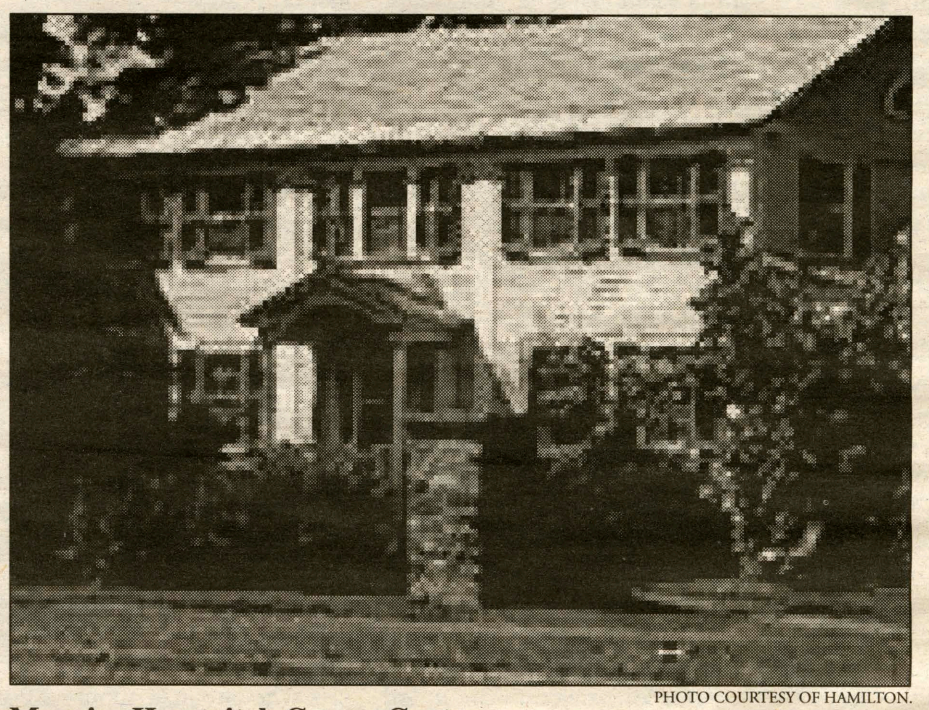
Do you find yourself forgetting phone numbers, zip codes, addresses and social security numbers? These are the early stages of academic fatigue.

As the disease progresses, you may find yourself slurring simple sentences, writing unintelligible notes during class, and even displaying a complete inability to interact with friends and family. Academic fatigue is a serious disorder that only your doctor can diagnose. Those pregnant or dealing with a history of heart disease should consult their physician before beginning treatment for this disorder.

Or perhaps, there is an easier way to overcome academic fatigue: academic escape.

The final and maybe most enticing option for seniors is applying to a post-graduate travel program.

For a small fee, recent grads are able to choose an idyllic destination to "find themselves" while contributing to the local community. Teach for America, the Peace Corps, Americorps, and leading an outdoor adventure program like Overland or NOLS all seem like invitations to paradise after almost two decades of classroom education.



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Maurice Horowitch Career Center

Personally, I'm exploring all of these options.

It's a lot harder than it seems to prepare one's self for every one of these potential options.

One must network, explore, find recommendations, speak with past and current participants and employees, study for entrance exams, not to mention, keep up with a senior thesis and/or workload.

Essentially, senior year for the wanderers is like actively applying and training for jobs in then different disciplines while also keeping your boss happy at the homestead.

This article is simply an acknowledgement of the most common senior year position: the wander.

It is hopefully a piece of encouragement to all those seniors who sit adjacent to me in this sinking senior year ship.

All I know is, soon enough, we will have found our courses. Whether you're sailing to a cubicle, post-graduate school, or an island off the coast of Mexico, cheers and good luck. We're all in the same boat.

Thumbs up

- Apparently there was a BJ's Membership Drive on Monday. Dude, I am totally a card-carrying member. Give me my BJs, NOW!

- First Full Annex party: 3rd party catering gets boned worse than the people on the dance floor.

- Dems take over the Senate and the House. Now we can pull out of Iraq faster than a scared freshman virgin after a Bundy party.

- *The Water Hen*…Hopefully the sequel is the wet cock…

- When you are drunk and 45 minutes from your dorm, every bike looks golden.

Thumbs down

- Fitness Center Orientation? If you need to be orientated to the Fitness Center, you are clearly way too fat to ever go anyway.

- Burke Library Exhibit "The Murder That Will Never Die." Maybe we can rename it, the display that will never die.

- Nandita Das serves as the only public display of hot lesbian action on campus.

- People who take this column too seriously. Just send me a postcard or something when you remove the hell beast from your ass.

Who cares

- Oops she did it again. Britney is back on the market…you can find her somewhere between the Velveeta Cheese and the lottery tickets.

- Okay. So it's Peace Week…Can we at least crucify a kitten or something?

- Latino Jeopardy Night: This is the only time Ricky Martin might be the right answer to your problems.

- Jonah Goldberg comes to campus Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Events Barn to make "The Case for Conservatism"…. Too bad the jury is in. Case closed.

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Tyler Zink '07

The Spectator

Staff Editorial

On Tuesday the American people voted, and as the dusk turned into night and night into dawn and well into the morning, Hamilton College was fixated on election results. It was the topic of conversation down Martin's Way, in Commons, class and opus. Yes, the Democrats dominated in the House, Senate and Gubernatorial races, but this election was about something more for many of the students at Hamilton.

36 students participated in a "Campaign Internship, Participation and Observation" class led by Government Professors Phil Klinkner and Mack Mariani. Each person spent 100 hours over the past few months working their hearts out for the Democrat Michael Arcuri for Congress, Republican Raymond Meier for Congress and the Republican Joe Griffo for State Senate campaign. While Arcuri and Griffo won, in all their acceptance and conceding speeches, "the volunteers" were thanked for all their hard work and effort. The Class was not the only political activism on campus. The Hamilton College Democrats and Republicans did a phenomenal job making others involved. Each club spent hours going door-to-door, phone banking, envelope stuffing, stamping, working on mailings and attending fundraisers with notables such as Laura Bush and Bill Clinton. Finally, on Election Day volunteers were up at 7:30 in the morning working and did not stop until well into the night. Both Ray Meier and Michael Arcuri came onto campus and spoke with students and faculty.

"Never doubt that a small group of citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has," Margret Mead famously said. Hamilton College should be incredibly proud of all those who participated in the process and worked their hearts out for a campaign. For those who voted in Clinton or with absentee ballots, kudos for participating in the American process. Whether or not you are happy with the results, your roommate or classmate or professor or someone you know probably participated in this historic election and worked to better a nation. Thank you.

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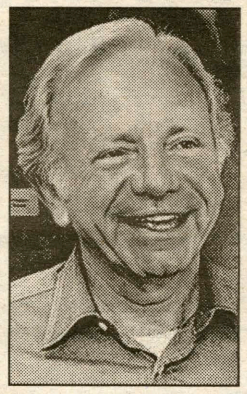
~Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger



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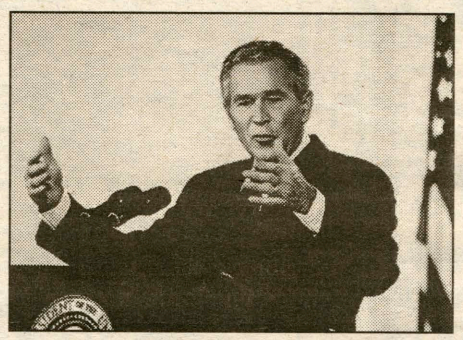
~Sen. Joe Lieberman



"Why all the glum faces?"
~Pres. George W. Bush

"Today the American people voted for change."
~Rep. Nancy Pelosi

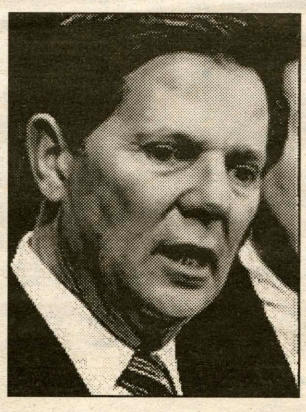
America Unscripted

This week's question:
What did you do think about the 2006 Election?

compiled by Ben Noble '08 & Pat Hodgens '09

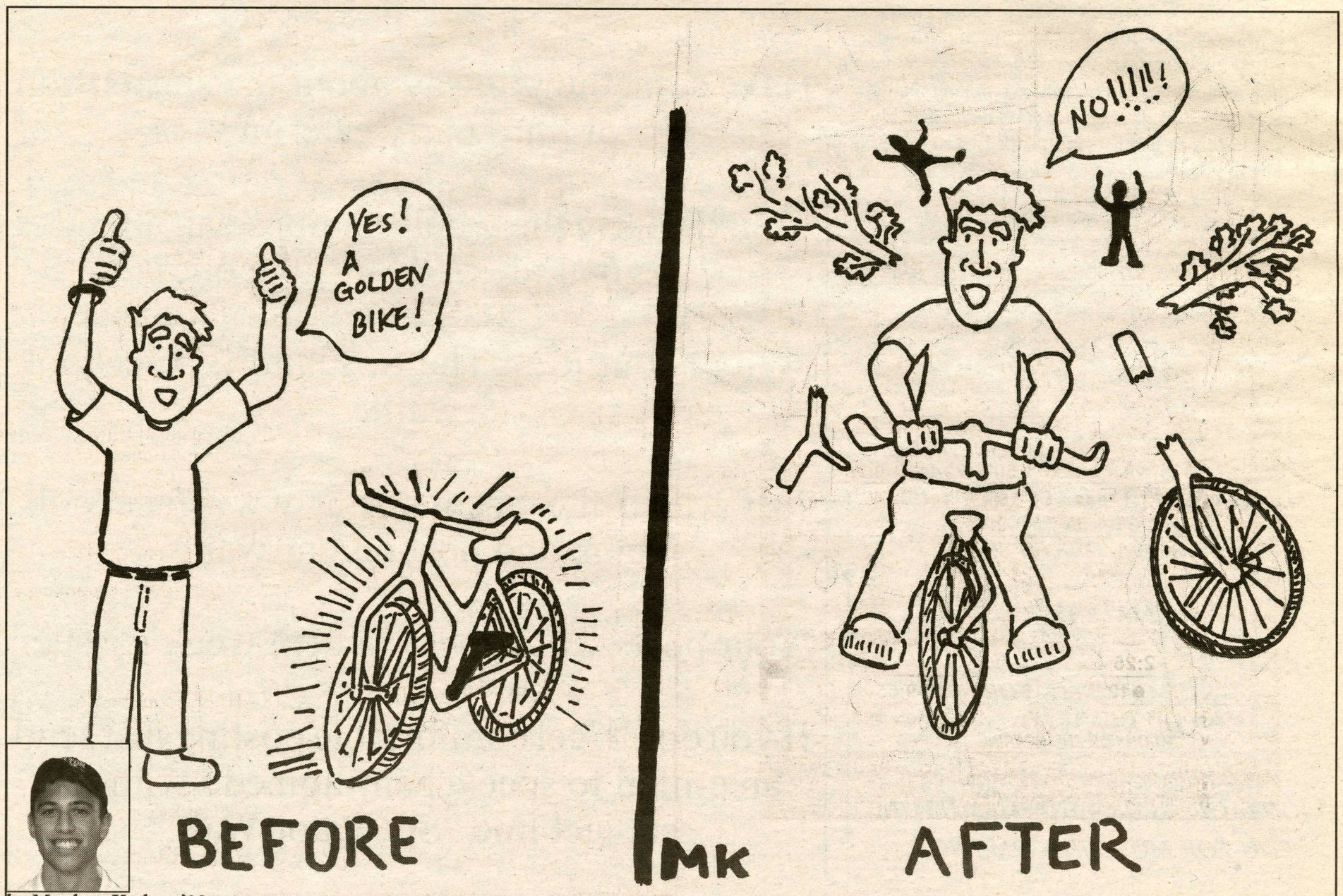
"I don't know how anything in the world could ever top this."
~D.A. Mike Arcuri

"When you stand up for what you believe in, the fight is always worthwhile."
~State Sen. Ray Meier



"I'd call it a 'Texas whuppin'.'"
~ Fmr. House Maj. Leader Tom Delay

"We have midterm elections like you [in Kazakhstan]...but instead of man with the most votes, it is the man who can suspend the heaviest weight from his testes satchel."
~Borat



by Matthew Kotlove '09
Staff Cartoonist

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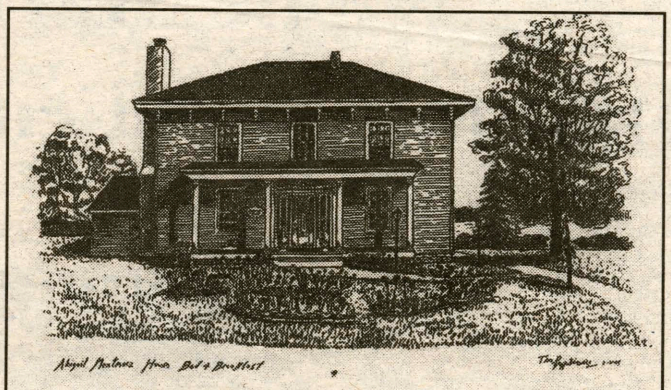

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Oct 28: Fulton Chain Gang (band)

November:
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Nov. 3 - Seven Bridges (band)

Nov. 4 - Seven Bridges

No. 9 - College Night - Karaoke/DJ
Line Dancing

Nov. 10 - Mechanical Bull
Seven Bridges

No. 11 - Branded (band)

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Line Dancing

Nov. 17 - Seven Bridges

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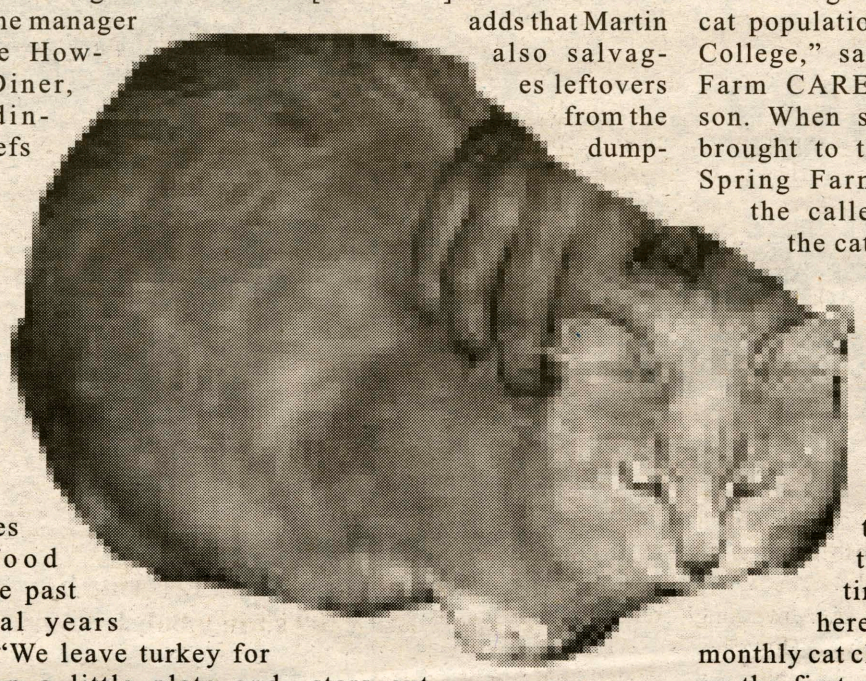
The Martin's Way cat: Hamilton's most conspicious feline friend

by Chelsea Mann '09
Features Writer

Ask anyone about the Martin's Way cat, and chances are, they will tell you they've spotted it roaming around the Dark Side on at least one occasion. Hamilton staff and faculty members have even declared that "Martin's" residence has now exceeded five years on campus. How does Martin survive here? Many of us have found ourselves stopping in the midst of blazing snow storms to watch in disbelief as the cat nonchalantly wanders across the icy bridge. Where does Martin reside in the winter, and who is keeping it so well-fed?



According to Lori Barone, the manager of the Howard Diner, the diner chefs have been supplying Martin's main sources of food for the past several years now. "We leave turkey for him on a little plate and leave it on the stone outside [Beinecke]." Ms. Barone adds that Martin also salvages leftovers from the dumpsters outside Commons and McEwan. As for survival in the wintertime, she explains that the cat seeks shelter in an electrical furnace room located underneath the Martin's Way Bridge.

David Urban, the catering director, noted that there are a number of stray cats living in the brushy area near Bundy as well, many of which have been captured by local residents to be spayed, neutered and given shots in the feral cat clinic at Spring Farm CARES in Clinton, NY. "Over the years, we've received a number of calls from citizens concerning the sterile, stray cat population at Hamilton College," said one Spring Farm CARES spokesperson. When such cases are brought to their attention, Spring Farm encourages the callers to capture the cats with humane traps and then bring them to their TNVR clinic, which neuters, vaccinates, and then releases them. "It is possible that your little friend [Martin] was "fixed" here at one of our monthly cat clinics. Monthly on the first or second Sunday we have a clinic where we fix between fifty to seventy stray and barn cats," said Robin Yager, Director of Network Partners for Animals at Spring Farm CARES. Perhaps this would explain Martin's recent change in behavior from aloof and skittish to close and affectionate. "The cat always used to run away when I'd call or try to pet it, but now it rubs up against my legs and sometimes tries to follow me," remarked Geoff Hicks '09. According to Ms. Yager, the only way to identify Martin as having been neutered is if he has a clipped ear, which is a clinical sign that the procedure has occurred.

Thus, while its history still remains somewhat unclear, through our observations and questioning of others, we can begin to unfold the mystery surrounding the Martin's Way cat.

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The once shy Martin's Way feline no longer turns tail in fright at the friendly advances of Hamilton cat lovers.

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Weekly SuDoku Puzzle

by Martin Connor '09
Features Editor

SuDoku- The Number Sensation that's Sweeping the Nation:
The rules are simple; why not give it a try!
Before you know you'll be Su-dicted!

Just fill every box with the numbers 1-9 so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains each number only once!

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G.N.A.R. Club to take it to extreme

by Mallory Reed '10
Features Writer

Hey Hamilton, are you ready to go big or go home? Now you can with the Hamilton Freeride Club! This recently formed student organization, informally known as the G.N.A.R. Club, promises to fill the niche for all things extreme on Hamilton Campus including freeride skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking and even street luge.

According to G.N.A.R. Club mastermind Austin Hawkins '09, "the idea of just being gnarly started last year with much talk of gnarliness." After a radical drop in funding for the Alpine Ski Team made it impossible for the team to support non-racing freeride skiers and snowboarders, Hawkins and fellow sophomore Emily Goughary wanted to start a club that would replace their experience on the team. He said, "our goal is to provide as cheap and as much skiing as possible for people who want to freeride." He added, "We just want to ride some really good terrain in a lot of snow and go big."

Because the G.N.A.R. Club has not been in existence for the ten weeks required to apply for funding, Hawkins has yet to go before the Student Assembly. However, he has already written a budget proposal and is looking to obtain travel and lodging funds for ski excursions. For weekend getaways, the club is offering a season pass package for Okema Mountain in Ludlow Vermont, Straton Mountain in Straton Vermont, and Sunapee Mountain in New Hampshire for $299. Season passes for nearby Labrador Mountain are $160 and the Gnar Club plans on biweekly trips.

In addition to ski trips, Hawkins has also planned a Feb Fest "Rail Jam," which will be open to the entire campus. It will be a spectacular show featuring rail sessions for snowboarders and freestyle skiers. Hawkins also hopes to have food and a band. Also, the G.N.A.R. Club recently teamed up with the Guilded Bicycle Guild to host a Wednesday night Annex party featuring the campus band, Boner Jam.

One of the biggest events for the G.N.A.R. Club this winter will be a film festival similar to the Bamf Film Festival, showcasing extreme sports films. However, these films will all feature and be produced by Hamiltonians or young people with ties to Hamilton. Because the films will involve familiar faces, Hawkins said, "They will be a lot closer to all of our hearts and minds." The films will incorporate freeride skiing, trampolining, skateboarding, street luging down Roger's Hill and more. He said, "The Film Festival will be an example of all of our members' histories coming together and the incredible passion of young people."

According to Hawkins, "It's going to be hard to get funding without showing how much passion and how much influence we can have on the world of skiing." He said, "The G.N.A.R. Club is trying to become known so we can further our cause. All of us have so much passion. We're going to be skiing all the time." He explained that the G.N.A.R. Club is trying to host numerous public activities so they can show the Hamilton campus what goes on inside. Hawkins said, "I want to bring extreme sports to a level on this campus where people can relate to them."

PHOTO COURTESY OF AUSTIN HAWKINS '09

Members of the Freeride Club Austin Hawkins '09 and Phil Tracy '09 sit in a bobsled during an outing.

Hawkins revealed that so far the G.N.A.R. Club has 35 members that have come to meetings, bought season passes, or have just show a genuine interest in the club. He said, "We are all intense athletes even though we are not focused on competition or 'running gates.'" He explained that freeride skiing is "More of a freedom of expression." He compared it to dance and explained, "Every move in a dance is about grace and is a very calculated thing. In skiing people make up new moves all the time but there are trends." He added, "Just like dance, it's an art form people are passionate about."

The G.N.A.R. Club is interested in providing many types of skiing and snowboarding such as Big Mountain, Backcountry, Freestyle Park, and Slope Style. Hawkins has been corresponding with the organizer of Labrador Mountain to help improve the terrain park. He said, "They are very eager to build a sweet park but don't have much knowledge." Hawkins has researched and drafted a complete blueprint for a new park that he says is "very conducive to learning." However, he said "the closer you can get to riding nature on skis is the closer you can get to the roots of it." He added, "A terrain park is a substitute. It's entertaining and I love it but I would much rather ski cliffs and trees." Because Hawkins is "very nature oriented" he plans to bring the G.N.A.R. Club to Stowe Mountain, Mad River Glen, and Jay Peak in Vermont for a "more natural setting."

According to Hawkins, Colby College has a Varsity Freestyle Skiing Team that competes in the Eastern Free Ski Open. He said, "People don't realize how big of a thing freeride skiing is. It's just as a legit use of your time as football or lacrosse." He said that the founders of the G.N.A.R. club were at every single weekend away with the ski team last year and skied just as much as the racers, about five to six times a week. In regards to weekend trips he said, " We are going to get up early enough so we can get the first chair on 95 percent of the days." He added, "Skiing all weekend satisfies everyone in the club. You can step it up and join us, but know that you are going to be skiing your face off."

Hawkins said that there is a huge spot in the world for freestyle skiing with numerous Internet sites claiming hundred of thousands of members. He said that film production goes along with skiing, as skiers are eager to show what can be done on skis. He explained that the G.N.A.R. Club hopes to produce a ski movie this winter that they can premier in the spring. He said, "Imagine if you went into a wilderness area and filmed a dance. Making that would be like filming the craziest ballet ever." Hawkins said that the club is hoping to make a film that is better than any of the films in the winter festival. He said, "Each film is a true piece of art," and added, " The films are entertaining because it is evident how much fun the skiers are having. It is a very personal thing because they are out their having a great time and making art out of it."

For the long-term, in addition to skiing and snowboarding, Hawkins hopes to offer skateboarding, mountain biking, street luge and many other kinds of extreme activities. He explained, "How extreme something looks doesn't always correlate to how much fun you are having." For beginners he said, "you can start and the bottom and work your way up. It's just like football; you don't start at the NFL level." He added, "Don't be afraid to approach me. I will teach you what I know."

Hawkins explained, "All of us in the G.N.A.R. Club love skiing and want to provide that for people we know. We want to have a really strong community." He added, "We are just going to have a really great time."

PHOTO COURTESY OF AUSTIN HAWKINS '09

A member of the freeride club tears it up on skis.

What's Up This Week at Hamilton

MONDAY

Daily Prayer-
12:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

President Stewart's Open Hour-
1:30 PM - Cafe Opus

Physics Lecture-
4:00 PM - SC G041

TUESDAY

Newman Mass-
12:00 PM - Chapel

Lecture: Phil Terrie- "The Adirondacks and the Invention of American Wilderness."
7:30 PM - SC G027

WEDNESDAY

Hunger Banquet
7:00 PM - Annex

Meditation Group-
7:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

Prayer Meeting-
9:00 PM - Chapel Lounge

THURSDAY

Newman Mass-
12:00 PM - Chapel

Asian Culture Society General Meeting-
5:30 PM - ELS

Fall Theatre Production: "The Water Hen"
8:00 PM - Minor Theatre

FRIDAY

Juggling Club Meeting-
4:00 PM - Science Center Lawn Atrium

Fall Theatre Production: "The Water Hen"
8:00 PM - Minor Theatre

Hamilton college Chamber Ensembles Concert
8:00 PM - Wellin Hall

The Spectator Facebook Wall

Have an problem/complaint about something on campus?
Want to write a letter to the editor but don't have the time?
Have an announcement about a club meeting or volunteer activity
you want to share with the campus?
Want to congratulate a colleague or wish a friend happy birthday?

POST IT ON OUR WALL!

We hope this wall will serve as a forum for the entire campus and help to raise awareness and promote campus community through increased discussion. Please see our Staff Editorial on page 5 of last week's Spectator for more information and don't hesitate to drop us an e-mail (spec@hamilton.edu) if you have any questions.

Also, if you don't feel comfortable submitting a post to Facebook but want a publication on our Wall in the newspaper, please send it in an e-mail to spec@hamilton.edu with the subject line "Spectator Wall."
Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!

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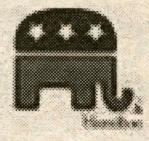

Hamilton Republicans wrote
at 11:10pm

Come hear Jonah Goldberg make "The Case for Conservatism" on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fillius Events Barn!

Wall-to-Wall - Message

Rebekah Mintzer wrote
at 8:48pm on November 6th, 2006

im with you on that one- apparently people at hamilton just dont get sick after 5pm on weekdays or on weekends. who knew?

Wall-to-Wall - Message

Andy Danger Mention wrote
at 8:55pm on November 2nd, 2006

Community Discussion Topic: The Health Center
I'll just toss out my opinion that the hours make it inconvenient to use and that, in turn, keeps students from utilizing this potentially valuable resource as much as we should. Potential changes could include hours that extend into the early evening (after classes) and/or on the weekend. Even at the price of loosing some weekday hours, we students would appreciate these changes.
Love,
Andy Danger Mention

Wall-to-Wall - Message

The Career Center

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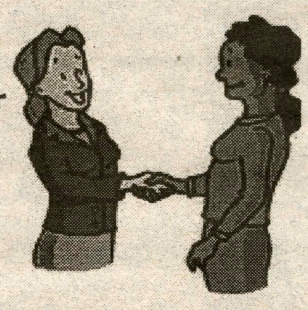


Alumni advisors in the ACEP program can respond to those questions that are difficult to find the answers to on a website or in a book. In addition, they can be a valuable source of networking in your field of interest.

You can *access a list of alumni* advisors in the career field(s) you are interested in *by meeting with a Career Counselor*.

NOW is the time to contact the alumni on your list and make arrangements to meet with them over Winter Break!

Call us at 4346 for an appointment!

Weekly Charts

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC

(From iTunes)

Top Albums

1. Helmig Herfra - Thomas Helmig
2. Future Sex/ Love Sounds - Justin Timberlake
3. Black Holes and Revelations - Muse
4. Rudebox - Robbie Williams
5. Continuum - John Mayer

Top Songs

1. The Saints Are Coming - U2 and Green Day
2. Starlight - Muse
3. Let Me Talk To You Prelude/My Love - Justin Timberlake
4. When You Were Young - The Killers
5. Sexy Back - Justin Timberlake

MOVIES

(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)

1. Borat
2. The Santa Clause 3
3. Flushed Away
4. Saw III
5. The Departed
6. The Prestige
7. Flags of Our Fathers
8. Man of the Year
9. Open Season
10. The Queen

BOOKS

(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction

1. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
2. DANCE OF THE GODS, by Nora Roberts
3. PREDATOR, by Patricia Cornwell
4. MARY, MARY, by James Patterson
5. GLAD TIDINGS, by Debbie Macomber

Paperback Non-Fiction

1. RUNNING WITH SCISSORS, by Augusten Burroughs
2. FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS, by James Bradley
3. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls
4. DREAMS FROM MY FATHER, by Barack Obama
5. TEACHER MAN, by Frank McCourt

A&E blotter: you have the right to remain entertained!

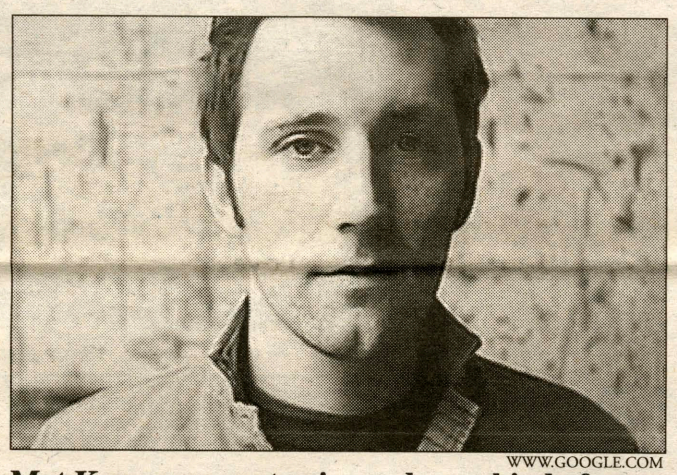
by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

This weekend is chock full of fun events that you should go to.

FRIDAY

CAB CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS: MAT KEARNEY WITH GRIFFIN HOUSE.

How can you resist a man with an acoustic guitar? Kearney has been featured on *Grey's Anatomy, Late Night with Conan O'brien* and VH1's *You Oughta Know*, to name just a few. His sensitive and intuitive songwriting combined with an amazing voice is helping him become a big name. Griffin House will open for Kearney. House is described as a natural performer, and has been placed on the list of five emerging new songwriters in the U.S. alongside Ray Lamontagne. He is making a name for himself without even being signed to a label, and is sure to please audiences.
7 p.m., Fillius Events Barn.



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Mat Kearney: great voice and even kind of looks like Michael Vartan from *Alias*.

SAMUEL KIRKLAND FILM SOCIETY PRESENTS: *THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA*

Directed by Tommy Lee Jones, *The Three Burials...* starts with a murder, and then multiple exhumations. To risk sounding like a bad joke, a ranch foreman, a Border Patrolman and a corpse tied to a mule go into Mexico and begin an interesting and dangerous journey.
KJ Auditorium
Friday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Saturday at 11 p.m.
Sunday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

DROP BEATS NOT BOMBS

Have a great desire to tie-dye something? Want to listen to some great music? Have a hankering to hear some poetry? This year's Drop Beats Not Bombs is ready and willing to satisfy all of your needs. For those who don't know, Drop Beats Not Bombs is a pro-peace musical fundraiser, and this year, all proceeds will go to Oxfam: Darfur.
8 p.m., Annex

THE WATER HEN

This year's Fall Theatre production is the avant-garde piece "The Water Hen," which was written in 1921 by Polish surrealist painter and playwright, Stanislaw Ignacy Witkiewicz. In this play, the dead have a problem staying dead in a bizarre fusion of reality, dream-realm, metaphysics and... reanimated corpses (do they qualify as zombies?). Reservations can be made at (315) 859-4057 and tickets are $3 for students and $5 for the public.
Minor Theatre.
Friday at 8 p.m.,
Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m,
Sunday at 8 p.m.

Saturday

F.I.L.M SERIES PRESENTS: JONATHAN CAOUETTE WITH *TARNATION*

Tarnation is a personal documentary by Caouette when he started documenting his life at age eleven. Caouette, from Texas, came from a very broken family. His mother was in shock therapy and he was abused by his foster parents. He used filmmaking as a way of staying sane and rescuing a sense of family. The film cost Caouette $218 to make and is high-energy phantasmagoric visual event that received a standing ovation when it premeired at the Cannes Film Festival.
Screening: 7 p.m., KJ Auditorium

CAB COMEDY PRESENTS GODFREY

You may know him as "The 7 Up Guy," or the black Ben Stiller in *Zoolander*. Godfrey now has a Sirius Satellite Radio Show and has proven that he is genuinely hysterical. Don't miss it when he comes to Hamilton, you know you'll want to laugh until you pee.
8 p.m., Annex

SUNDAY

F.I.LM. SERIES PRESENTS TOM GUNNING LECTURE ON "THE PHANTOM RIDE"

Tom Gunning, University of Chicago's master Cinema and American Studies scholar/ professor and one of the greatest film historians in the world, is back by popular demand. Last spring, his lecture on dancer Lole Fuller was the hightlight of the F.I.L.M. Series. This year, Gunning will present a lecture on "the phantom ride," one of the most popular early genres of cinema. "Phantom ride" is created when a camera is mounted on the front of a train as it passes through an iconic American landscape. Gunning will discuss the implications of this form in a nation undergoing urbanization and industrialization.
KJ Auditorium, 2 p.m.

FILM SCREENING OF "FIRE" WITH NANDITA DAS

Hosted by the Womyn's Center, "Fire" by Deepa Mehta stars Nandita Das as Sita, one of two sister-in-laws from a middle class Indian family. The women turn to each other for love and companionship. The movie was surrounded by controversy, and temporarily banned in India for its portrayal of a lesbian relationship.
Film screening: 5:30 p.m., Science Auditorium. "From Films to Social Work" lecture by Nandita Das, 8 p.m.

"Come on and we'll sing, like we were free
Push the pedal down watch the world around fly by us
Come on and we'll try, one last time
I'm off the floor one more time to find you
And here we go there's nothing left to choose
And here we go there's nothing left to lose..."

So write for A&E!

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Hamilton Playlist

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Arts & Entertainment Editor

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Emo Playlist

It's raining (still), so pull your hair over your eye and embrace your inner sadness.

1. *Bitter Pill* by Dashboard Confessional - Chirs Carrabba is only the current reigning king of emo.

2. *Ohio is for Lovers* by Hawthorne Heights - Triple guitar melodies and some occasional screaming make for some great power emo.

3. *The Boy Who Blocked His Own Shot* by Brand New -Not only are they emo, but they like long song titles too.

4. *The Sweater Song* by Weezer - CLASSIC song! Thank you, Rivers Cuomo, for making my life.

5. *Nothing Feels Good* by The Promise Ring - Classic emo band that proves with a name like "Promise Ring," you have to be emo.

6. *The Middle* by Jimmy Eat World - What to say about Jimmy Eat World? Everyone knows them and their name is a funny acronymn.

7. *From A Balance Beam* by Bright Eyes - He may be TOO emo to be on this list.

8. *5-4-3-2-1* by Thursday - Reasons this song rocks: 1. Geoff Rickly. 2. It's catchy. 3. Geoff Rickly.

9. *The Ghost of You* by My Chemical Romance - Ok, so it's more "goth-emo," but it's still a little emo, and MCR is awesome.

10. *The Blankets Were the Stairs* by Sunny Day Real Estate - Another classic emo band, that potentially gave Brand New that idea about long song titles.

Have a playlist you're dying to share? Think other people listen to bad music? Want to know what your professors and administration listen to? Let us know your playlists or whose playlists you want to know. Email ndietsch *or* rmintzer, *and share your ideas with us.*

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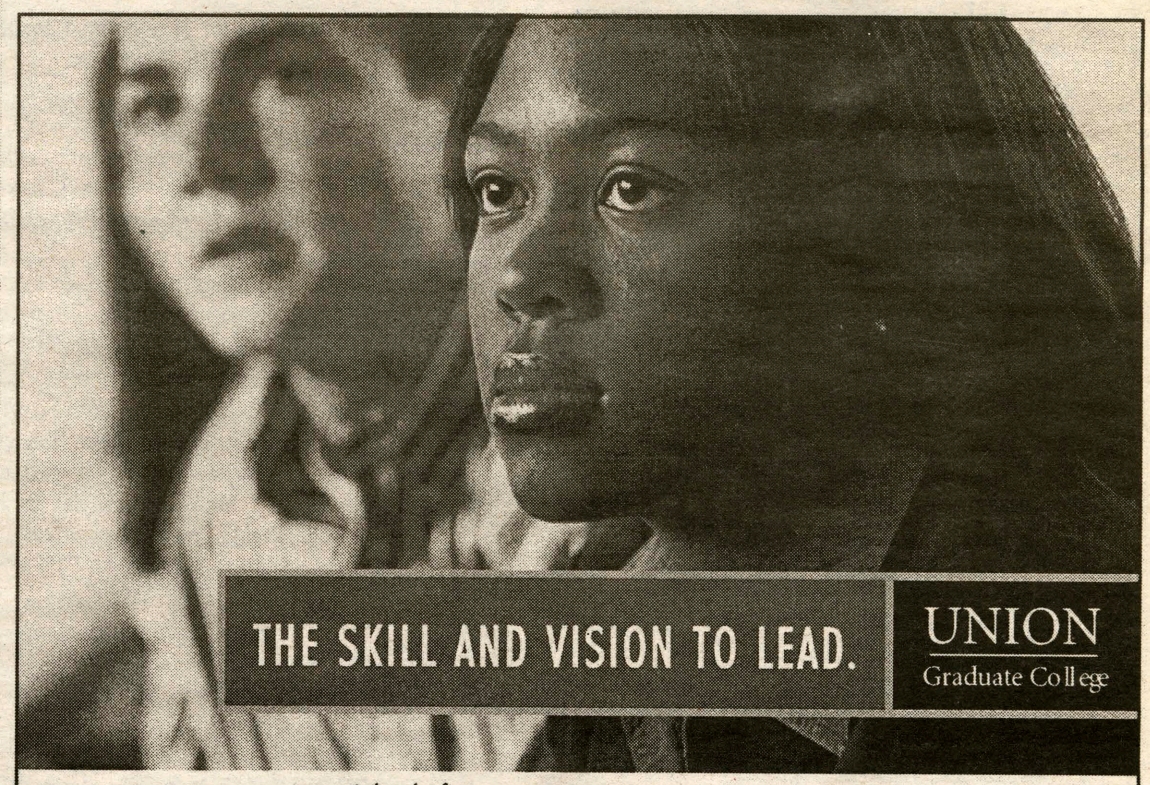

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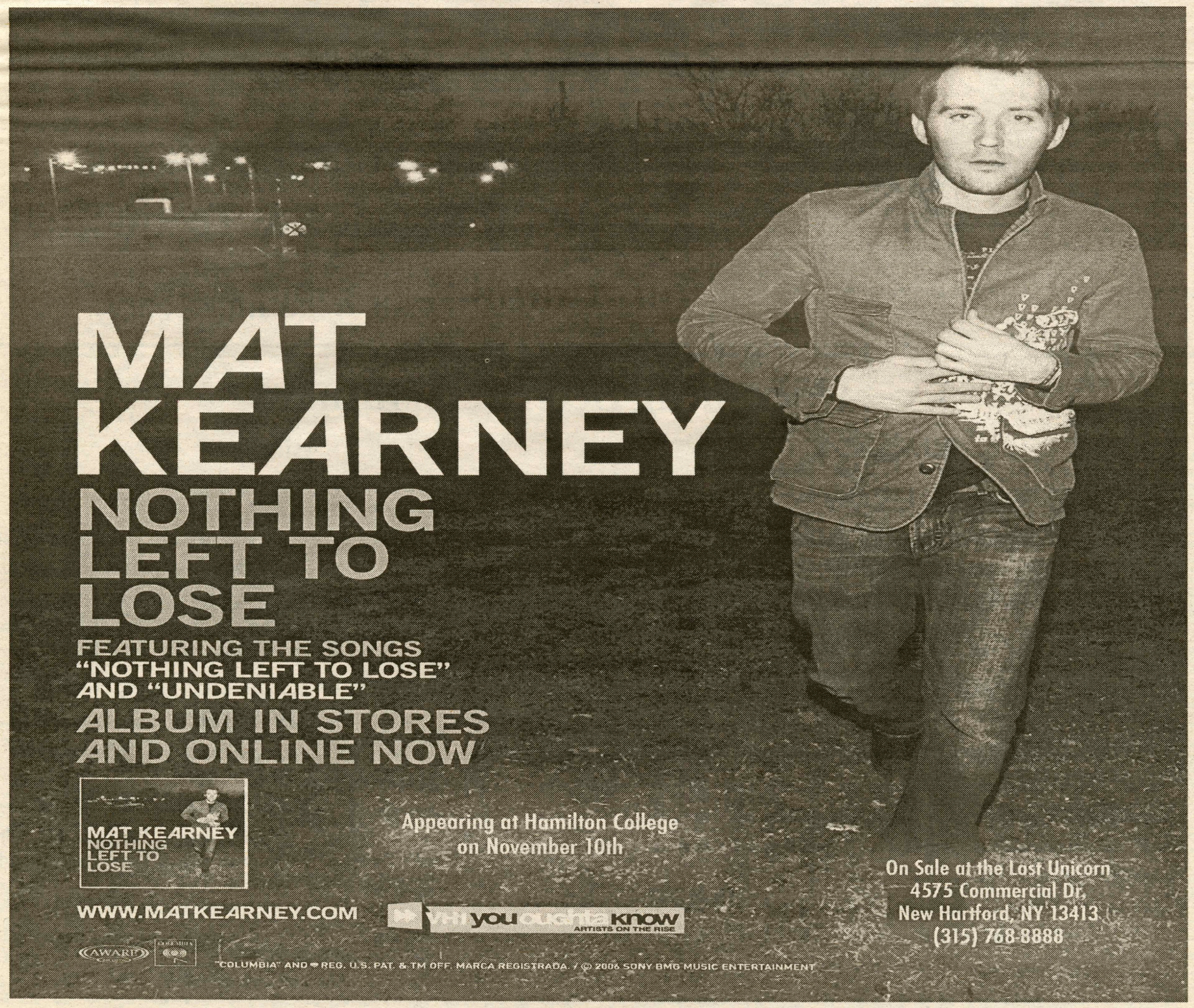
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31, May 2005, Seattle, Washington.

Strength and endurance are two of the most important characteristics that can be passed on to improve the species, so physical challenges between males are frequent. In this case, two drinking buddies found themselves on an overpass 40 feet above a busy freeway in downtown Seattle at 2:45 a.m. It turned out to be the perfect place to determine who had more strength and endurance. Whoever could dangle from the overpass the longest would win!

Unfortunately, the winner was too tired from his victory to climb back up, despite help from his friend. The unidentified champion fell smack into traffic below.

Photo and story courtesy of darwinawards.com

Eating disorders running rampant on college campuses

by Travis D. Blood '09
Science & Technology Writer

Preparing for college is not easy, but entering college is the most life changing experience many teenage students ever face. Parents worry about their children entering college, and are concerned if their sons and daughters will be able to make friends, control their partying, and handle their laundry. However, one of the most severe and growing problems on college campuses overlooked by parents is eating disorders.

An eating disorder usually begins with a routine diet that becomes consumed by the stress of college life. In a survey done by the National Eating Disorder Foundation in 2005, nine in every ten women start college on a diet. Once the stress of balancing class, athletics and social life sets in, thirty five percent of these women are consumed by their diet, while another quarter of them develop full-blown eating disorders. This means that roughly one in every ten women in college has an eating disorder. Most commonly, eating disorders consist of anorexia and bulimia in both men and women. Men are not exempt from eating disorders; averages have reported that 5% of males have eating disorders.

Anorexia is a disorder in which people starve themselves. Many men and women use this method to deal with stress on campus and subsequently can lose approximately fifteen percent of their body weight. Students that are anorexic usually have psychological problems and continually convince themselves that they are overweight when most of them are perceivably thin. Most college students that are anorexic belong to groups with "skinny" stereotypes; such as dance, theater and long distance running. Bulimia, also known as bulimia nervosa, is a disorder that consists of a binge eating. Binge eating is when an individual consumes large quantities of food in a very short period of time, not because of intense hunger but because of stress, and more commonly, depression. Binge eating is often classified as a disorder in itself, aside from bulimia. To control their weight, students with binge eating disorders often purge to eliminate the calories taken in by binging.

College campuses are feeding grounds for eating disorders. With approximately eighty five percent of people developing eating disorders at the age of twenty, college is the prime target for this type of catastrophe. There are many causes of eating disorders on college campuses; however, many of them are a result of class work, new environments and peer pressure. Problem sets, exams, and hundreds of pages of reading a night, often cause many inexperienced college students to stress. This stress is what can translate into diet problems that can potentially turn into horrific eating disorders. When many students feel stressed, they will often binge on junk food and afterward feel guilty. The guilt causes many of them to vomit, flushing out their system. Another serious problem is depression. Depression is often caused by home sickness, lack of making new friends, and insecurity. Depression can lead studentsto worry about the way they look and the way they eat.

Trying to balance academics, athletics and a social life on a college campus while maintaining a healthy diet is a challenge. But, it is essential to remaining healthy. Eating disorders have the ability to destroy your body and ruin the greatest years of your life. So, when the going gets tough, be sure to maintain a healthy diet.

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Health Professions

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A symposium featuring numerous guests with discussions and presentations on the human side of medicine

Biology

November 27, 3:00 p.m. SC3040
Dr. Bryant Buchanon, Dept. of Biology, Utica College.
"Environmental and evolutionary factors influencing the expression of alternative reproductive tactics in treefrogs."

Math/Physics

November 13, 4:00 p.m. SCG041
Michelle LeMausier, Hamilton College
Dynamical Systems: TBA

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Basketball hopeful

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

by Julie DiRoma '10
Sports Writer

Hamilton's women's basketball team will begin their season on November 17 at the North Central College/ Holiday Inn Select Tip-Off Classic. The Continentals will be traveling to Naperville, Illinois, to compete in this annual two-day tournament. On November 21, the team will play SUNY IT in their first home game of the '06-'07 season. Hamilton's first five games are all against non-league teams. The Continentals face their first Liberty League rival on January 12 in a home game against Clarkson. The Liberty League includes teams from St. Lawrence, Union, William Smith, Rensselaer, Skidmore, Clarkson and Vassar.

Coach George Gromacki will be starting his first season as the head coach at Hamilton. Before joining the Hamilton community this year, Gromacki coached the women's basketball team at St. Lawrence University. In just six seasons, he led the team to five NCAA Championship tournament appearances.

Last season, the Continentals had an overall record of 8-16. Their record was 5-9 for Conference games. From the Liberty League, Hamilton defeated Vassar, Skidmore, Clarkson and Union. In the previous season, Hamilton faced SUNY IT and won with a score of 71-59. Come to the game on November 21 at 7 p.m. and see if the team can crush their opponent again. Give the Continentals your support as they look forward to the start of a winning season!

Intramural & Club Sports

Update on IM Soccer, IM Squash, IM Racquetball, Ultimate, Rugby and Equestrian

by Leanne Pasquini '07
Sports Contributor

IM Soccer:
A-League Champions: FC Oneida
B-League Champions: Real Hot Pants United
IM Squash:
Chippy Smith III '08 defeated Matt Stewart '07 (9-5, 8-10, 0-9, 9-6, 9-3)
IM Racquetball:
Brendan Sullivan '07 beat Tom Helmuth '09 (15-12, 15-8, 15-6)
Andreas Nauleau '08 defeated Matt Stewart '07 (5-9, 0-9, 9-1, 9-3, 9-1)
Bob Kazin defeated Adam Weisz '07 (3-0)
Alexander de Moor '10 defeated Sam Bromley '08 (9-4, 9-5, 10-8)
Pat Hooper '07 beat Chris Piatelli '07 (9-4, 9-4, 9-4)
Hooper defeated Chris Schimpf '07 (9-2, 9-4, 9-5)
Piatelli beat Schimpf (9-4, 9-3, 4-9, 4-9, 9-5)
Professor Onno Oerlemans defeated Head Honcho Andrew Jillings (9-5, 9-4, 9-6)
IM Indoor Soccer: Games begin this weekend in Margaret Bundy Scott Field House.
IM Reminder: Get your team together for Ice Hockey, Basketball and Volleyball!

by Rob Dunn '07
Sports Contributor

Ultimate Frisbee played a home game against Colgate last Saturday, unfortunately losing 15-11. Bydren Considine '08 played a pretty extreme game though, scoring eight of Hamilton's eleven points. They finish their fall season this weekend with a tournament at Green Mountain College. They will continue practices throughout the winter, although they are forced to move indoors. For more information, contact Greg Esser at gesser@hamilton.edu.

Men's and Women's Rugby will be headed to Batavia, New York for the weekend for the Regional Championship Tournament. Women's Rugby is currently ranked as 3rd out of 60 on the East Coast. Regional victory is only two games away. If anyone is in the area, please come out to support the rugby program. For more information, contact Jon Milgrom at jmilgrom or Robin Peck at rpeck.

The **Hamilton Equestrian Team** brought home a first place ribbon and four second place ribbons from their show at Hartwick College. The Hamilton Equestrian Team will be competing at Cornell University this Sunday. For more information, contact Amy Klegarth at aklegart@hamilton.edu.

Beat the Experts

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Each week, we will pick several games in which to choose winners, and we will have a special guest pick winners as well.

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Washington @ Philadelphia	Philly	Philly	Philly	Philly	Philly
NY Jets @ New England	New England	Jets	New England	New England	New England
Green Bay @ Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
Chicago @ NY Giants	Chicago	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
NCAA Football					
#3 Louisville @ #15 Rutgers, 11/9	Rutgers	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville
#13 Tennessee @ #11 Arkansas, 11/11	Tennessee	Arkansas	Arkansas	Tennessee	Arkansas
Miami @ #23 Maryland, 11/11	Maryland	Maryland	Miami	Miami	Maryland
#21 Oregon @ #7 USC, 11/11	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
NBA					
New York @ San Antonio, 11/11	San Antonio	San Antonio	New York	New York	San Antonio
Indiana @ Chicago, 11/11	Chicago	Indiana	Chicago	Chicago	Indiana

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Spectator Sports

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Football faces Bates Saturday for one last game

Bates (0-7) to host Continentals (2-5); Hamilton defense boasts 8th place ranking for points allowed

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

by Eileen Starrett '07
Sports Editor

The Hamilton football team heads into their last regular season game this weekend. The Continentals will face their final NESCAC opponent, the Bates Bobcats, when they travel to Lewiston, ME.

By all accounts, the Continentals are having a stellar year. With two wins notched thus far this season and with this weekend looking to be a likely third at winless Bates, 2006 might mark the best season Hamilton has seen from our football team in years.

Two weeks ago, Hamilton hosted Williams College for Hamilton's Family Weekend. Unfortunately for our Continentals, Williams prevailed in the rain, beating Hamilton 15-0.

Hamilton's defense was astonishing versus Williams. Landrey Mack '10 had eight tackles and his first interception of the season. Jesse Koch '07 had an interception of his own, and almost had a second. Ray DeMartino '07 broke up six plays while Nick Rockwell '08 had six of his own tackles and nearly intercepted the ball on an additional play. John Lawrence '10 had his third sack of the season.

Just last weekend, Hamilton allowed only 10 points to visiting Middlebury College, but ended up losing the 27th contest for the "Old Rocking Chair" by a score of 10-0.

There were many players who should be credited for the team's strong play last weekend. Taylor Soobitsky '09 sacked Middlebury's quarterback for a nine-yard loss. This places Soobitsky at fourth place in the nation with 1.3 sacks per game. Lawrence had a great game playing both offense and defense. Lawrence carried the ball for a team-high 30-yards and caught four passes during the game. Adding those catches to his three tackles, Lawrence proved himself as a force to be reckoned with versus the Panthers. Dan Hood '08 started at quarterback for the first time this season and was 12 of 21.

Hamilton's defense is something to talk about. After last week's game, Hamilton is currently ranked third in the NESCAC and eighth in Division III for points allowed with an 8.9 average. Trailing league opponents Trinity and Amherst, the Continental defense is unmatched in the rest of the NESCAC. This defense should help them versus winless Bates this weekend if the offense can manage to get some points on the board.

Bates will host Hamilton on Saturday in both teams' last contest of the season. Bates enters the match-up 0-7 but is led by senior wide receiver Dylan MacNamara who was a bright spot in the Bobcats' 23-14 loss at Bowdoin last Saturday. Hamilton will rely upon its steadfast defense to stop Bates' offense.

Wish the Continentals luck before they head to Bates this weekend; especially to our seniors who will be playing in their last varsity game. Those seniors include Andrew Pisanelli, Koch, John Rosato, DeMartino, Ian Chambers, Scott Chatham, John Cloonan, Brian McFadden, Frank Harrington and Dan Hewitt.

Good luck!

PHOTO BY DAN WITTENBERG '07

Rochester ends spectacular season for Continentals

by Lindsay Getman '10
Sports Writer

Even a disappointing first round loss to Skidmore in the League Tournament last Friday couldn't keep the Hamilton men's soccer team out of the NCAA tournament. Hamilton received an at-large bid to play in Rochester on Wednesday.

Conference tournament champions St. Lawrence received an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament after winning their fourth Liberty League tournament championship title in five years. They beat Skidmore 2-1 last Saturday on Love Field. In fact, both of the higher-seeded, nationally ranked teams were beat out by lower seeds.

The 11 a.m. start time of Hamilton's semi-final against Skidmore prompted many fans to skip class, or at least make a fast exit, in order to make it to Love Field in time to catch the action. The weather conditions were bleak. Heavy snow carpeted the field and obscured vision for most of the match. The sun occasionally broke through, but never long enough to push the temperature above frigid. The Continentals fought hard despite slippery footing and hard-to-judge ball movement.

When Hamilton was called in the first half for a hand-ball in the box, Skidmore drilled a penalty kick to take the lead. After over thirty minutes of scoreless play, the Skidmore keeper bobbled a shot by Brian Marcantonio '09, and Greg Rogan '07 used the opportunity to finish it off for Hamilton's tying goal.

The game got quite physical at times, though only three yellow cards were handed out. The score remained tied until there were just over ten minutes left in the game. Though the Hamilton defense was able to clear a throw-in from deep in the box, Skidmore's Colin Minte managed to loft a shot just over goalkeeper Trevor Clarkson's hands.

The Continentals had several corner kicks, but were unable to turn them into scoring opportunities. The clock wound down on the final heart-wrenching goal attempts for Hamilton, but Skidmore keeper Jake Densen made some key saves towards the end to win the game for Skidmore.

Considering that Skidmore has only beat Hamilton four times in a twenty-six game series, it was a surprising loss for the regular-season Liberty League champions. As Head Coach Perry Nizzi said however, "the four teams [in the tournament] have never been more equal." It was hard for their spirits to stay dampened as they watched Skidmore taken apart by St. Lawrence the next day, and especially when they received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament late Sunday.

This year marks Hamilton's third appearance in the tournament in the past seven years. They made it to the quarterfinals in 2000 and played in the tournament in 2004. Their first round game was Wednesday in Rochester against the University of Rochester. The Yellowjackets were afforded the opportunity to host the game due to the recent installation of a turf field.

The Continentals are currently ranked 25th in the NSCAA national ranking, Rochester only received votes. While an away game on turf against a team it hasn't seen since 1999 may offer some challenges to the Continentals, their superior performance this season put them in a good place for the game.

Though Rochester leads the overall series, Hamilton posted a far better record this season. On top of that, Hamilton holds the regular-season Liberty League championship title, while Rochester only tied for fifth in the University Athletic Association. Hamilton has lost fewer games on the road than Rochester has at home.

Unfortunately for the Continentals, Rochester proved to be the winning team with a last second goal that slipped by Hamilton's defense. Rochester's senior forward Tyler Green proved why he had 13 goals this season and notched his 14th versus the Continentals.

Rochester moves on to play undefeated Stevens Institute of Technology in the second round in Hoboken, N.J. on Saturday.

Hamilton ends their season with an admirable record of 11-4-1.

This weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

Saturday 11/12:

Football @ Bates

XC (M&W) @ SUNY Geneseo (NCAA Atlantic Regionals)

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